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DEQ's Drinking Water Protection Program moves to La Salle Parish

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality recently selected La Salle Parish as the next stop for its drinking water protection campaign, “Protect Drinking Water One Drop at a Time.” The program’s goal is to increase the public’s awareness and participation in protecting their area’s drinking water.

The campaign will officially kickoff with the LaSalle Parish Community Meeting, Thursday Aug. 13 at the Jena Town Hall, Council Meeting Room, 2908 East Oak Street, Jena. The meeting will outline the program and provide the public the opportunity to get information, talk to the Drinking Water Protection Team members and sign up for the committee. The public is invited to attend and take an active role in ensuring clean drinking water for the future.

The Drinking Water Protection Program is a voluntary program designed to assist communities in protecting their drinking water sources. The campaign seeks to involve private citizens, community groups, water systems, local government officials, businesses and industry in the protection of the parish’s waters. The meeting will address the goals of the program and ways in which citizens may participate. Since clean water is essential for good health, DEQ’s Drinking Water Protection Team will share protection and conservation tips that residents can use in their homes and businesses.

DEQ is seeking volunteers to serve on a committee to work with the community in creating a sustainable drinking water protection program. For more information, contact Drinking Water team members Mary Gentry and Tiffani Cravens 225-219-3510 and visit the DEQ web page at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/AEPs>.

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